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1. Amendment and Response Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.111 (9 pages); and
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A. Introductory Comments:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed August 26, 2003 (Paper No. 23) in the above-referenced case. The Response is being filed on or before the shortened statutory date of November 26, 2003. Therefore, no fee is believed due. Please enter the following amendments and consider all remarks prior to further examination of the application.